

The North Carolina National Guard:

Ready, Reliable, Responsive and Relevant
At Home and Abroad



A Civic Leader's Guide to the NCNG

North Carolina National Guard

Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen - A Ready, Reliable, Responsive and Relevant Force at Home and Abroad

The NCNG is the only state to have a Brigade Combat Team deploy twice as a maneuver brigade of an active duty division in Iraq?

The NCNG was the first to deploy a Reserve attack Aviation Battalion into Afghanistan in support of OEF?

The NCNG is one of only four states to have MAFFS (Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System)?

The NCNG has met or exceeded its end strength goals for the last ten years?

The NCNG has more personnel than all other NC reserve forces combined?

The NCNG sent the first National Guard Task Force to assist Louisiana in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina?

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Who are we?

The **North Carolina National Guard** is an all volunteer military force comprised of Citizen Soldiers and Airmen who have sworn to support and defend the constitutions of the United States of America and the state of North Carolina. We trace our heritage back to the 1663 Carolina Charter granting early North Carolina colonial government the authority to “levy, muster and train men” for the common defense and security of their communities.



Today's **North Carolina National Guard** serves at home in response to natural disasters or any time called upon by the Governor to assist our civil authorities in securing and protecting the lives and property of our fellow Citizens. Overseas, we remain decisively engaged with operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo, Kuwait, and our State Partnership Programs in Moldova and Botswana. We are your neighbors and coworkers who contribute greatly to the overall security and well being of North Carolina and the nation. Just like our forbearers since 1663, we stand **ready** to answer the call to duty.



A Value for National Security, both at Home and Abroad

Since the Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001 over 21,500 North Carolina Citizen Soldiers and Airmen have deployed in support of operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Africa, Kosovo, South America and across the globe. The North Carolina National Guard was the first National Guard in the nation to provide Attack Aviation (Apache Helicopters), a Brigade Combat Team and Aeromedical Evacuation units to the warfight in Iraq and Afghanistan and we provided some of the last transportation units that closed out the war in Iraq in 2011. Not since WWII has the North Carolina National Guard been busier overseas. We have been a **reliable** and **responsive** partner to the Active Duty Army and Air Force during this trying time.

During this same time frame, the North Carolina National Guard has provided over 6,100 Citizen Soldiers and Airmen for “state active duty” missions as directed by the Governor or at the request of other states. Much of the same equipment used overseas, such as helicopters and trucks, are “dual use”, keeping our local communities safe during disasters. Despite historic use of the National Guard overseas, we have remained **ready and relevant** to meet the requests of our Governor and the Citizens of North Carolina in times of disaster. Our Citizen Soldiers and Airmen reside in every county of North Carolina.

“The fully-burdened and life-cycle cost of a Reservist or Guardsman is less than a third of their Active Component counterpart.”¹ Our value and cost effectiveness as a fighting force makes us **relevant** in a time of shrinking tax dollars. We are a value at home and abroad.

¹Source: RFPB Report FY14-02

Did you know?

The NCNG brings in over \$300 million in Federal funding every year while it receives less than 5% of its total budget from State Tax dollars, a true value to North Carolina.

Return on Investment

With a state tax dollar investment of just over \$14.5 million, the NCNG generates more than \$600 million in economic impact for the State of North Carolina.

MILITARY FORCE AT HOME AND ABROAD

30th Armored Brigade Combat Team

The 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team, Old Hickory, consists of over 3500 Citizen Soldiers in five battalions that include Armor, Infantry, Field Artillery, Engineer, Military Intelligence and Logistics units that are capable of mobilizing and deploying as an armored brigade to conduct offensive, defensive or stability operations overseas or providing support to civil authorities here at home. Old Hickory remains globally engaged and strategically relevant.

- Trained and mobilized over 800 Soldiers across the globe in the European and Central Command theaters of operations
- Conducted Abrams, Bradley, and Paladin Gunnery qualification at Fort Bragg, North Carolina as well as Brigade Support Area relocation exercises during Annual Training
- Provided 100 Soldiers through 8 State Active Duty Force Packages in response to winter storms and assisted the NC Emergency Management Center in managing and requesting Guard resources
- Participated in the Vigilant Guard exercise to ensure our ability to respond in support of state emergencies



- Conducted live fire exercises with our state partners in Moldova and Botswana



60th Troop Command

The 60th Troop Command consists of approximately 1200 Citizen Soldiers from two battalions, two detachments and eight separate companies. It also administers a Recruit Sustainment Program that annually prepares over 1200 Soldiers for Initial Entry Training. The command forms a Joint Task Force (JTF) and has the ability to provide Special Forces, Civil Support (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear), Field Artillery, Recruiting and Retention, Medical, Public Affairs, Military History, and Military Band expertise in support of civil authorities and overseas contingency operations.

- Formed a Joint Task Force with a dual status commander to plan and execute all Department of Defense (DoD) support to the City of Charlotte for the Democratic National Convention (DNC)
- Maintained a Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction) that can be utilized by the Governor within four hours of notification for hazardous materials operations in support of civil authorities
- Conducted multiple Joint Combined Exchange Training exercises (JCETs) with foreign military forces in Paraguay, Central Africa, and Moldova
- Provided an Army Band for the Governor's inauguration and hundreds of dedications, memorials, and parades across the state
- Provided support to multiple State Partnership missions in Moldova, Botswana and Tanzania



113th Sustainment Brigade

The 113th Sustainment Brigade is comprised of over 1,600 Citizen Soldiers throughout the State of North Carolina. The 113th Sustainment Brigade was originally formed in 1974 as the 113th Field Artillery Brigade and reorganized to a Sustainment Brigade on 1 September 2008 as part of the early 21st century transformation of the United States Army from a division-based structure to brigade-based army. To date, the 113th Sustainment Brigade has been a key contributor to mobilizing units within the North Carolina National Guard in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom by providing personnel, transportation and equipment support. The 113th Sustainment Brigade is composed of two battalions: the 630th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion headquartered in Lenoir and the 113th Special Troops Battalion headquartered in Asheboro.

- Mobilized and deployed the 1450th Transportation Company in Support of Operation Enduring Freedom
- Brigade Headquarters, 113th Special Troops Battalion, 630th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, and the 196th Signal Company participated in Exercise Global Lightning, the Combat Support Training Exercise conducted by the US Army Reserve
- Conducted Aerial Resupply Training
- Performed logistics training with counterparts in Botswana and Moldova (State Partnership Program) and Food Service Personnel to support exercises in Korea



130th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade

The 130th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade is a force of 2,700 Citizen Soldiers that support consequence management and stability operations in order to assure the mobility, protection, and freedom of action of any supported force whether it be military or Civilian. The Brigade consists of four battalions; the 105th Military Police Battalion, 105th Engineer Battalion, 505th Engineer Battalion and the 690th Brigade Support Battalion. The brigade also has the 295th Signal Network Support Company to complement its Military Police, Engineering, and logistical assets.

- Served as the nucleus of the Joint Task Force that was assembled to provide civil security support to government agencies during the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, NC
- The 505th Engineer Battalion and 105th Engineer Battalion completed multiple construction projects in local communities which provided reduced cost infrastructure to NC taxpayers
- 621st Survey team provided engineer construction support to operations in Kuwait while Military Police elements provided support to detainee operations in Cuba
- Supported the American Legion World Series: 878th Engineer Company Color Guard has been involved with the American Legion World Series in Shelby, NC since 2008
- Elements of the 105th and 505th Battalions routinely provided State Active Duty Winter Storm Catch Teams



139th Regiment (NC Military Academy)

The 139th Regiment consists of the Regional Training Institute and the Regional Training Site-Maintenance, stationed at Fort Bragg. Both of these units provide programs and institutional training within assigned Career Management Fields, Non-Commissioned Officer Education System and Officer Candidate School missions based on the collective requirements identified by the National Guard Bureau Individual Training Branch, the Army Program for Individual Training for the Army National Guard, the United States Army Reserve, the Active Component, and the subject matter expert Regiment in support of the Army's Modular Force.

- Training and Doctrine Command Accredited Installation of Excellence
- Providing support to foreign nations training future leaders
- Military Academy generating new Second Lieutenants to support the North Carolina National Guard Force Structure requirements
- Maintains the Camp Butner Training Center, a 5000 acre training area with multiple small arms range complexes in Stem, NC



449th Theater Aviation Brigade

The 449th Theater Aviation Brigade has over 900 Citizen Soldiers and a proud history and record of accomplishments defending our nation overseas and serving the citizens of NC. The brigade consists of the 1-130th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion (ARB) in Morrisville, 2-130th Airfield Operations Battalion (AOB) at Fort Bragg, Charlie Company 1-131st Assault, our Blackhawk Assault Company in Salisbury, Detachment 1, Bravo Company, 2-151st Security and Support in Morrisville with the UH-72 Lakota, and Detachment 17, Operational Support Airlift Command our lone Army fixed-wing asset in Morrisville. Both Blackhawks and Lakotas are part of the NC Helo-Aquatic Rescue Team (HART) and provide aerial search and rescue capabilities in conjunction with NC Emergency Management, the NC State Highway Patrol, and local first responders.

- The NC HART program recently celebrated its 10th anniversary and has safely completed over 48 rescue missions with more than 60 persons rescued
- The 1-130 ARB Panthers were the first reserve aviation battalion to field Apaches and mobilize for Desert Shield/Desert Storm and have supported both Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF)
- Supports Customs and Border Patrol on Southwest Border Mission and serves as the primary aviation capability in support of the NC Counterdrug Task Force



NC Air National Guard

The 145th Airlift Wing, headquartered at the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport, has over 1,500 Citizen Airmen assigned to accomplish its many missions such as airlift of personnel and cargo, aeromedical patient evacuation, and Modular Aerial Fire Fighting System (MAFFS) missions. Aligned under the 145th Airlift Wing are five groups that include Operations, Maintenance, Mission Support, Medical, and Combat Operations. These groups are capable of mobilizing and deploying worldwide for their wartime mission as well as providing humanitarian aid to Federal and State Authorities for emergencies such as hurricanes and wildfires.

- One of only four States trained and equipped to fly on wildland fires—MAFFS crews train each year to fight wild land fires and have deployed in support of the US Forest Service to protect lives and property in Arizona, California, Idaho, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, and Washington
- Provided personnel and equipment for Combat Operations in Afghanistan, over 200 members deployed with aircraft and equipment to support combat missions including force protection, infrastructure management, communications support, aircraft maintenance, airlift, close air support, and aeromedical evacuation
- Provided substantial support for numerous State and Federal agencies through the Joint Cyber Defense team—263rd Network Defense Flight members have contributed immensely to the overall success of the NCNG Cyber Defense Team



- State Accomplishments: Five state active duty missions assisting North Carolina State Agencies in response to cyber incidents or securing their networks against future attempts

- Federal Accomplishments: Presidential Inauguration Task Force, Cyber Defense Engagements with the Moldovan Ministry of Defense, and



participation in National level exercises including Cyber Shield and Cyber Guard

Defending the Old North State Since 1663

Whether it is a hurricane, flood, forest fires or a manmade threat, the North Carolina National Guard stands **ready** and **responsive** to answer the Governor's call to action just as our forbearers have done since 1663. Our 42nd Civil Support Team is a full time 22-member regional response unit that can assist local authorities in assessing chemical, nuclear, or biological hazards. Whether Citizen Soldiers and Airmen are mentoring and guiding troubled youth in our Tarheel Challenge Program or working with local law enforcement in eradicating illegal drugs, we are a **reliable** partner who is vested in the communities in which we live.



Developing Partnerships Overseas since 1996



The North Carolina National Guard (NCNG) has not only been overseas since 2002 in Afghanistan and Iraq, but has been in Moldova since 1996 and Botswana since 2008. The National Guard's State Partnership Program was developed at the end of the cold war to enhance security cooperation and partnerships with nations that could help avert future conflicts. In both Moldova and Botswana, the NCNG has a full time National Guardsman that works as the Bilateral Affairs Officer in the respective US Embassy.

BAOs coordinate mutual security cooperation "military to military" exchanges that benefit both the readiness of the NCNG and the partner country military forces. The partnerships have also allowed the NCNG to introduce the partner countries to other NC governmental, business and non-profit organizations who have developed their own ties to these partner countries in Eastern Europe and Southern Africa.

- The NCNG has increased its partnership engagements by an average of 19 per year, despite a reduction in funding
- The National Army of Moldova signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the NCNG to establish specific Unit to Unit partnerships within both organizations to further cooperation
- NCNG partnership with Botswana fostered new cooperation and visits by the Government of Botswana to the NC Zoo and Research Triangle Park to explore further Civilian to Civilian engagements
- The National Guard State Partnership Program has been cited as one of the most cost effective security cooperation programs by the US Africa and European Combatant Commanders



North Carolina National Guard

Vision for the Future

The North Carolina National Guard is the most **Ready, Reliable, Responsive** and **Relevant** Military Force for North Carolina and the Nation. In an era of shrinking budgets, the National Guard is the best value for Domestic Operations at home and our Nation's Defense overseas. Our Citizen Soldiers and Airmen will exceed Army and Air Force Readiness requirements so we can fulfill our core mission to be always ready and responsive to answer the call to duty. We will seek additional force structure in areas of cyber and special operations that will assist both the **relevancy** of the North Carolina National Guard at home and abroad. We will also begin the process to strategically realign our forces and readiness centers for efficiencies and effectiveness to ensure our Citizen Soldiers and Airmen remain **responsive** in the 21st Century.

It is my sincere hope that this guide gives you a small taste of that which your neighbors, our Citizen Soldiers and Airmen, are engaged. For over 350 years, the **North Carolina National Guard** has protected the lives and property of our fellow Citizens when called upon. Our members live, work, and play alongside their fellow Citizens and don their military uniform whenever the call comes. From the Revolutionary War Battles of Moore's Creek and Guilford Courthouse to Iraq and Afghanistan, we have defended the nation. From Hurricane Floyd in 1999 to fighting forest fires in the Western United States, we have worked to protect the lives and property of our fellow Tarheels and Americans. We have been here since the beginning of our nation.

We are **Always Ready**, and we are a **Ready Team**!

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